

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- o **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- o **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- o **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- o **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- o **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- o **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- o **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

Site Location: Ouzel Lake lies in a spruce-fir forest on the northeast slope of Copeland Mountain. The site is located north of the trail and east of the privy. The site is marked by a metal arrowhead on a post. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

Number of Sites: 1

Distance: 4.9 mi.

Privy: YES

Elevation: 10,020 ft.

Approx. Travel Time: 3 to 5 hours

Elevation Change: 1,520 ft.

Water Source: Water may be obtained from the lake or from the inlet stream. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead: The trailhead is located at the Wild Basin Ranger Station. Take CO Hwy 7 south from Estes Park, pass the turn off to the Longs Peak Ranger Station. Take the marked turnoff to the Wild Basin Ranger Station, and turn again just beyond the Wild Basin Lodge. The Ranger Station and TH are at the end of the narrow dirt road.

